

REMARKS

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

This amendment accompanies an RCE and have been filed in view of the Advisory Action mailed October 29, 2003 and in view of a telephone conversation between the undersigned and the Examiner on November 6, 2003, during which the Examiner confirmed that she would not enter the amendment due to the changes to the claims. The merits of the rejections were not discussed; only entry of the amendment.

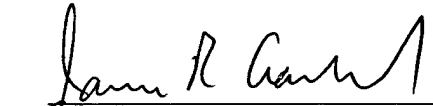
Claims 36-50 correspond to formerly pending claims 16-30.

Claims 51-54 are new.

If any fees are due to enter this paper or to maintain pendency of this application, authorization is given to charge deposit amount no. 50-0624.

Respectfully submitted,

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